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Importance of One Person

BILL AND LI'L

By Elmer A. Kettner

Sometimes we fail to win an individual for the Kingdom because down in our hearts we feel just one person isn't worth winning. The command to go into the world to all nations seems more challenging. We support foreign missions by small contributions which may not carry on mission work. But our spirits are lifted as we read the commend reports of the work of missionaries in all fields. By comparison one individual whom we might seem unimportant, especially if he's an unimportant individual. We can learn a lesson here from Mueller, a Lutheran layman, formerly a professional ballplayer with the Chicago White Sox, who was a jeweler in St. Louis. Bill has always been concerned about the individual and has many stories to tell about witnessing for Christ in his baseball career. On one occasion, when he was practicing in the outfield, a little Negro boy ran the field and retrieved the ball. Bill's first thought was about

the little fellow's soul. Calling him in closer he asked, "Would you like to play catch?" The boy's eyes grew as big as saucers and Bill spent a moment or two tossing the ball back and forth.

"What's your name?" he asked the little fellow.

Life's Joy

God gives us joy that we may give;
He gives us love that we may share;
Sometimes He gives us loads to lift
That we may learn to bear.
For life is gladder when we give,
And love is sweeter when we share,
And heavy loads rest lightly, too,
When we have learned to bear.

—Author Unknown

"My name's Li'l Satchmo," the boy replied.

"Little Satchmo," Bill asked, "do you know the Lord Jesus?"

"No, who dat?" Satchmo asked.

Jesus was interested in individuals. He called them one by one. Think of Matthew, Zacchaeus, Nicodemus and many others. Jesus knew the importance of one person.

Bill spent the next few minutes telling him in child's language how the Son of God came to save us so that God wouldn't have to punish us for all the bad things we do. Then he asked whether Satchmo would like to learn more about Jesus every Sunday.

The following Sunday Bill called for Satchmo at his home and took him to a Lutheran Sunday School.

Shortly thereafter the team left town and Bill lost contact with his little convert. However eleven years later, when he again visited the same town, Bill managed to locate him. He is Big Satchmo now, still in Sunday school, teaching other boys and girls about the Lord Jesus Whom he has learned to love.

And all because he was not too unimportant for Bill to bother about. Bill knows, and we must learn it too, that no one is unimportant in the eyes of God. Bringing the joy of salvation to one soul often requires little effort. It may become the most important event in our lives.

—American Lutheran

News and Notes

Olivet Lutheran Church, Inglewood, Calif., J. M. Girtz, pastor, had a net gain of 210 baptized members in 1956. It has a full time secretary and is now planning to call an intern. It has a total budget for 1957 of \$59,548.96. This church is located in a new housing development.

Shelby, Iowa, April 28th is the date chosen for the dedication of the enlarged and improved Church at Shelby, Iowa. As to the cost of the project, we wish to add a word of clarification to the figure mentioned recently in the news item from here. \$17,000 was not the amount of the expected cost of the original plan, but it was the amount of cash and pledges on hand when the work was begun. The original plan was for an improvement to cost \$32,000. As the work progressed additions were made which will bring the total cost up to an estimated \$35,000 or \$40,000.

Minden, Nebraska, Pastor Allison Hansen resigned his charge Dec. 1,

1956 and has accepted the call of First Bethany Lutheran Church of Denver, Colorado to begin March 1, 1957. Student Walter Kirkegaard of Trinity Seminary has accepted the call of Bethany Church. Rev. Immanuel Petersen, the superintendent of Bethany Home of Minden, will serve the congregation until Mr. Kirkegaard comes in the spring.

Bethany Congregation separated from Fredericksburg in Sept. 1955 at which time Pastor Hansen also left Fredericksburg to continue to serve the Bethany Congregation. A new parsonage was built in Minden by the Bethany congregation valued at about \$18,000.

At the annual meeting of the congregation held in January of this year, the congregation instructed the Building Committee to advance the building plans for the first unit of the new Church for spring construction. The new first unit will consist of 7 class rooms, pastor's study, kitchen, heating plant, toilets and temporary worship facilities for 200 persons. This temporary worship cen-

ter will later be added to the Sunday School as assembly room, dining hall and added class rooms. The Nave of the Church will be built directly into this area so that it will also serve as an overflow area for the Church.

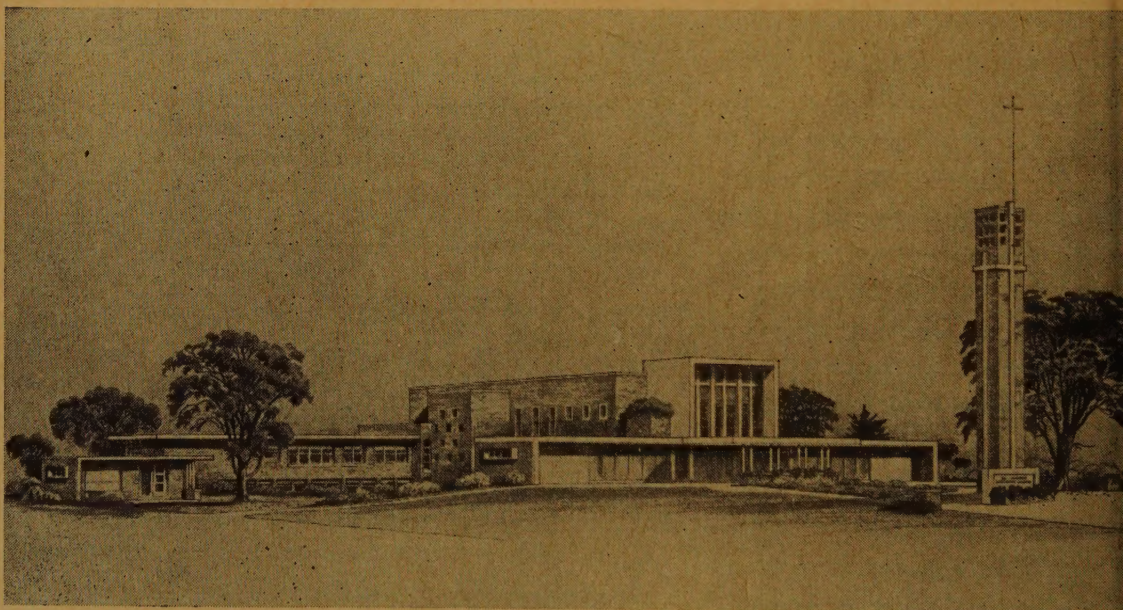
A farewell Congregational supper was held February 20 for Pastor Hansen and his family.

PRAYER MOLDS CHARACTER

I cannot resist to conviction that a better type of character is formed by the habit of Christian prayer than anything else known to me. By "better" I mean this: A character capable of self-criticism, open to new experience, serious in self-discipline, alive to the claims of others, and essentially self-giving; and probably other features could be added. That is the type of character I have been trying for some decades to develop; the material is very refractory; and I am not very good at prayer (or, to be candid, I am a bungler at it); but I do recognize a certain victory over life in people who genuinely believe in prayer and practise it. From which I conclude that it isn't all nonsense, self-hypnotism, auto-suggestion.

—T. R. Glover

We bring a picture of the new church, which St. Mary's Lutheran congregation, Kenosha, Wis., has decided to build. The Rev. L. Siersbeck, who is pastor of the church says: "The new church will be of contemporary design. The sanctuary will seat over 500 people, not counting overflow. The educational unit will provide rooms for 25 Sunday school classes and a fellowship hall where 250 can be seated for dining at one time, and 300 can be seated for a fellowship gathering. The rooms will be so grouped with the help of folding doors that various sized groups can meet upon occasions. Ample space will be available for Luther League and scouting activities.



Kenosha, Wis., to Build New Church

Besides the 25 rooms for Sunday school classes, there will be larger areas in the building available for more classes. The building is so de-

signed that we will get the most of all its parts. The entrances, narthex, the stairways and halls

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THE MOST WASTED HOUR OF THE WEEK?

old Stassen called Sunday School "The Child's Hour," when he addressed some 1600 Christian workers meeting in Cincinnati, O., in February. This was his answer to Wesley Shrader, who in a recent issue of Life Magazine said that the Sunday School was the most wasted hour of the week.

I agree with Harold Stassen. We can give many reasons from personal observations that God richly blesses the children that attend Sunday School. The work of God works in their hearts. The teacher who is about his work and who is intent on giving the children an impression of God, will generally succeed. The teacher must be a Christian, that is, he or she must be in the salvation in Christ. This is the first condition, and this is more important than a college education in education.

Of course, all other qualifications will add to the first. If a Sunday School has Christian teachers, the work will not be wasted. God will bless that time. Then let each teacher prepare the lesson and study under a real leader of the minds and hearts of the children.

Here are some notes from the meeting in Cincinnati:

Wesley Shrader doesn't know what he's talking about," said Division Chairman Rev. Dr. Paul Calvin Payne of Philadelphia, Presbyterian USA. Christian education is "We're not smug about our churches or Sunday schools, and deplore what hasn't been done, but hundreds of Sunday schools throughout the country are doing a remarkable job with up-to-the-minute text and excellent teachers."

Richard Hoiland, American Baptist education head and chairman of the Commission on General Christian Education, pointed out the article's "narrow framework." He declared "tremendous learnings flow" from youth groups, summer camps, weekday religious education programs, daily vacation Bible schools, and conferences.

Editor of the International Journal of Christian Education, the Rev. Dr. Virgil E. Foster, labeled the article a "most inadequate job of reporting." He said it "ignored the last 15 years of phenomenal growth."

Meanwhile, from Cincinnati churches of half a dozen denominations came first-hand opinions of Sunday

schools from the "pupils" themselves. The gist of most was, "I like Sunday school and what it does for me."

An eight year-old: I like Sunday school because I learn about God and learn to live like Jesus.

A ten year-old: Sunday school makes me feel I am with God.

Twelve to 14-year olds: "... a waste of time but it could be a good thing if it were more organized and more strict"; "Yes, (a waste of time) because our teacher doesn't know how to teach it and some kids mess around and stir us up"; and, "If we didn't have Sunday school we wouldn't have many Christians. It would be hard to teach grownups to be Christians."

A Young Adult class member declared, "As a parent I am ... able to guide my children in ... sound religious belief." An elderly lady in an adult class said, "If more cooperation were given by parents, no time would be lost. I never sent my boys to Sunday school—I went with them."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

It may seem natural to write a few notes about young people's work after the above notes on Sunday School teaching. In a few weeks a number of the children will be confirmed and be expected to become full fledged members of the Luther League. In conversations with pastors the past three months we have discussed Luther League work. We have not found one pastor who was happy about the work. They all think of it as a very difficult problem.

We shall try to produce a few articles in the near future about Luther League work written by different men in the synod.

We know that pastors and youth leaders are constantly looking for new ideas and inspiration for this work. We hope that the full time youth director will soon be able to give us some practical advice. He is able to study the work in our 150 Luther Leagues rather intensively.

One observation pertaining to all the youth work in the Lutheran Churches is that the central offices seem to concentrate on certain big things outside the local league. They are interested in international or national conventions. Now this is well and good, but it seems to us that the important thing is what can be done in the local league. The local league cannot just be geared to some district or synod project when it has a tough time to keep from limping at home.

In about four weeks we shall try to get some articles from different men in our synod, but in the mean time, we shall be glad to have letters from any one about the subject.

Church News from here and there

HITS MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Cincinnati, O. (RNS)—A national Christian education authority here criticized as a "most inadequate job of reporting" an article on Sunday schools written by Dr. Wesley Shrader, associate professor of theology at Yale Divinity School. Under the title "Most Wasted Hour in the Week," the article appeared in the Feb. 11 issue of Life magazine.

Dr. Virgil E. Foster, editor of the International Journal of Christian Education, charged the Yale professor with ignoring the "phenomenal growth of the Sunday school curriculum" during the past 15 years. He also said Dr. Shrader had "overlooked" an expansion of Sunday school projects which include vacation and camp programs and youth fellowships.

Dr. Foster made his criticism at the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches here. His publication is the official organ of the division.

In the Life article Dr. Shrader charged that many Sunday school teachers act as "mere baby sitters." Others, he said, permit "irreverent rowdiness and impudence" and encourage "rock'n roll singing" of hymns and songs.

He also asserted that many Sunday school teachers tell "scary Bible stories" instead of imparting knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ. Dr. Shrader was a Kentucky and Virginia pastor for 19 years before joining the Yale faculty. He said in his article that even for the youngest of children religious education should be on a "high level" instead of being left in the hands of uninformed persons, some of them teenagers.

Dr. Foster alleged that this did not represent an accurate summary of the Sunday school situation.

"In contrast with the stories of

teachers who do a superficial job," he said, "there are hundreds of thousands who take training for their work every year, who prepare carefully and well in advance and whose teaching is warm with a loving concern for the children or young people in their church school classes."

He added that last year about 300,000 church school teachers and officers took training courses to perfect their teaching skill.

Referring to Dr. Shrader's report of churches with poor Sunday school equipment, the Christian education editor declared that a "significant portion" of more than half a billion dollars spent annually on new Protestant churches was going into church school facilities.

UNIQUE SERVICE AIDS FINNS WITH MARITAL PROBLEMS

Helsinki, Finland—A young Finnish couple, who found the answers to their marital problems through the teachings of Christianity, have set up a unique counseling service to help others with similar difficulties.

Through a small advertisement in one of Helsinki's newspapers, people contemplating divorce are asked to talk it over with them before taking any decisive steps. Hundreds of people called seeking help within the first few days after it appeared, according to Church News from the Northern Countries.

An interview with the couple quoted them as saying that the primary cause of marital conflicts is "lack of mutual confidence."

"Disagreements are often due to mere trifles and the very act of speaking plainly to one another and to other people may clear away many misunderstandings," they said.

They told the interviewer that their role often is one of "just listening" and of sharing their experiences in finding a solution through the Christian faith.

In the first few counseling sessions, they reported they did speak much of Christ and the importance of Christianity, but not of the importance of confidence, frankness and forgiveness and beginning with one's own faith rather than with those of the neighbor."

"Later on it may seem natural to speak openly of Christ and sometimes go to Holy Communion together," they said.

The service is not always successful, they admitted, "but cases of success are greater than those in which we failed."

LUTHERANS LAUNCH MEETINGS TO STUDY DWINDLING URBAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A series of six area meetings in the United States and Canada dealing with the problem of dwindling urban church membership in the United Lutheran Church in America, was launched in New York by denominational leaders from four states.

Attending the New York meeting were Church officials from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The nationwide series was authorized by the denomination in October at its biennial convention in Harrisburg, Pa.

The convention set up a Department of Urban Church Planting within the Board of American Missions. Dr. Karl S. Henry was elected by the board to preside over the area meeting.

Proposals were made at the meeting here to train urban group workers for needy churches and to set up seminary programs in urban work. It was suggested that the work be financed, if necessary, by funds that would have gone to suburban projects.

The meeting studied a recent report that disclosed that some Lutheran churches in this area are in a crisis in the immediate future "unless remedial steps are taken quickly." A survey of Brooklyn found that the Church's membership is dropping.

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World Conclave of Lutherans . . .

'See You in Minneapolis'

By James A. Ryberg

ny Lutherans have been asking questions about the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation, scheduled to convene next summer in Minneapolis, for eleven days, August 4 to 25.

ne seem to have the impression this meeting is intended only for clergies in clerical garb and all the ecclesiastical "brass."

s is definitely not the case. The Assembly is a once-in-a-lifetime" experience for every U. S. Lutheran. This world conclave of Lutherans only once each five years, it is very probable that the Assembly will not convene again in North America during the present generation.

ually, Assemblies are intended to conduct the business affairs of the Federation, but they have been planned with plain, ordinary Lutherans in mind. The events and jamming in Minneapolis are being purposely designed to interest and involve the thousands upon thousands of visitors expected to travel to Minneapolis in August.

Why Laymen Should Attend

ne of the reasons why Lutheran laymen should be at the Assembly are here to emphasize the worthwhileness of a trip to Minneapolis this summer:

The indescribable thrill of working together with fellow Lutherans from five continents. The deeper meaning of the "Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints" strike home as you join in prayer with more than 50,000 other Lutherans,

saying: "Our Father," . . . "Vater unser," . . . "Fader vor."

- Getting interpretation in laymen's language of some serious theological issues of our day, oriented toward the Assembly's challenging and penetrating theme, "Christ Frees and Unites."

- Hearing and feeling a part of vivid, fact-filled, inspiring accounts of a world-wide program drawing together the spiritual and material resources of 50,000,000 Lutherans. We are the largest Protestant constituency in the world!

- Seeing a spectacular exhibit, marking the most extensive presentation ever prepared on "What Lutherans Believe and Do."

- Becoming completely absorbed and inspired by dramatic, professional presentations in word, music and picture of what we Lutherans feel as our "Mission to All Peoples" in this critical hour of world history.

- Meeting, face-to-face, fellow Christians from East and West, Lutheran leaders from behind the Iron and Bamboo "Curtains," Lutherans from Iceland and India, from Latvia and Liberia, from Pomona and Pomerania, from Telemark and Tanganyika, from Ulm and New Ulm.

Auditorium Seats 10,000

Most of these events will take place in the huge Minneapolis Auditorium, seating 10,000 persons. Because of the physical limitations of the building, those planning the Assembly have prepared tickets to the plenary (business) sessions. The main floor of the Auditorium will be taken up by the 700

delegates and official visitors from the Federation's 57 member churches in 29 nations, but there will remain some 5,000 seats for other visitors during the nine scheduled plenary sessions, from 9 to noon each day.

Such tickets are now available from the national headquarters of each Lutheran body. Each of the eight Federation member Churches in the U. S. has been allocated tickets in proportion to its membership size. These may be obtained on a "first-come, first-served" basis, at \$1.00 per ticket for each plenary session. Advice: Get your order in early!

The speaker for the opening session on August 16 will be the Federation's president, Hanns Lilje of Hanover, Germany.

Included in other plenary programs will be soul-searching lectures by leading Lutheran theologians from several nations on the Assembly's theme, "Christ Frees and Unites." These will center around the relation of the "Communion of Saints," as confessed in the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, to the freeing of sinners by Christ's atoning death on Calvary's Cross as confessed in the Second Article.

Discussion Sessions Are Free

Visitors may attend without tickets special afternoon discussion groups led by the best world Lutheran leaders, who will interpret the presentations made in the morning plenary sessions, plus evening "Public Events" in the Auditorium.

Also scheduled for plenary presentation will be reports by LWF departments of Theology, World Missions, World Service, Information, and Latin America; as well as Federation commission reports on Education, Liturgy, Stewardship and Congregational Life, Students, Inner Missions, and International Affairs.

The Minneapolis Assembly will discuss and evaluate the Federation's past and present work. More important, this historic conclave of world Lutheranism will chart the future course of the LWF!

The Assembly is not planned as a "big show" or a "three-ring circus," as some have facetiously said. If this were true, the planners would not dare urge a pilgrimage to Minneapolis this summer. Rather, the Assembly will be a truly religious and profoundly ecumenical experience — something most worthwhile to every Lutheran!

Convinced? Then, we'll see you in Minneapolis, in August!

Lent | A | Time | For | Self | Examination

By Edward A. Hansen

The Lenten season, with its special services and preaching of God's great atoning deed, ought to challenge every church member to examine his own life in the light of what Christ accomplished for us on the cross.

When Paul writes, "Take heed to yourself," he is telling us to take care, to pay attention. We need to sit up and take notice. Here is a call to examine ourselves with the question: Am I concerned about the thing that God is most concerned about—the salvation of souls?

Some Mormon missionaries have been working in our town lately. Their tireless door-to-door visiting disturbs us, and also prods us with this reminder: take heed to yourself. I have to ask myself, am I as zealous for my Christ as they are for their understanding of religion?

We in the evangelical churches, to whom a clear revelation of the way of salvation has been entrusted, ought to be the most zealous for Christ. We who have been given an open Bible, available now in revised and understandable language, ought to delve into it. We should know that if Christianity is worth anything, it is worth everything.

"Take heed to yourself . . ." I Timothy 4:16

What Does Our World Need?

Christians know that it is not opinions that man needs: it is truth. It is not theology: it is God. It is not religion: it is Christ. It is not literature and science, but the knowledge of the free love of God in the gift of His only Son. That is what the world needs most of all!

This critical era of our world's history is no time for lukewarmness, for unbelief, for empty formalism, for "playing at" religion. It is a time when every Christian should examine himself, take heed to himself, to see if there is a burning love for souls who are perishing if they do not have Christ.

Some ministers in Scotland got together to conduct such a self-examination. They were concerned as to why their ministries were not more fruitful. Why weren't more souls being saved? They began to examine themselves, sparing no personal feelings. They found some causes in their own lives. They drew up a list, which became a sort of group confession of sins. Maybe we on this side of the Atlantic will recognize some of these obstacles to our effective witness for Christ.

Why We Do Not Win More People For Christ

- Lightness and carelessness in conversation, unsuitable to our holy calling.

- Failing to have practical knowledge and experience of the mystery of the Gospel in ourselves, before trying to communicate it to others.

- Entering the ministry not from the love of Christ, nor from a desire to honor God in gaining of souls, but for lesser ends—for a name, or to make a living.

- Want of nearness to God—little time spent in reading, meditating, and speaking of Him.

- Exceeding great selfishness in all that we do; acting from ourselves, for ourselves, and to ourselves.

- Not caring how unfaithful and negligent others were, so long as we thereby seemed the more faithful and diligent—being content with their faults, if not rejoicing in them.

- Going about duties, least careful about those things which are remote from the eyes of men. Seldom in

secret prayer to God, except ready for public performance.

- Neglecting the reading of Scriptures, for edifying ourselves and others.

- Looking out for our own interests when the Lord calls for participation in some task.

- Refined hypocrisy; desiring to appear what, indeed, we are not. Studying more to learn the secrets of God's people than their doctrines.

- Readier to search out and expose faults in others than to search for them in ourselves.

- Evaluating men according to whether they agree or disagree with us.

- Talking of, and making excuses for, the faults of others, rather than pathetically trying to help them.

- Speaking of Christ, not of ourselves. People may know Him, but they may think we know much of Him.

These are solemn confessions of men who know the responsibility of every Christian has, to make known to others around whom they know Him. Some day we shall have to face Him, and give an account of how we have borne that responsibility.

Self-Inspection—With A Purpose

This is what is involved in "Take heed to yourself." When I took a kind of a look inside, I am reminded of a time when I was walking a student along the flagstone path on the campus of our Bible School in the East. One of the flagstones was wobbly and loose, and together we lifted it aside, to find that underneath it was a subway system. These black creatures scurried in all directions. They didn't like the light, their underground ways exposed by the light!

No doubt there is much, even in the hearts of professing Christians, that is like the under side of that flagstone. There are loathsome, crawling creatures that cannot stand the light of truth which undermine our testimony to the Lord. They must be brought into the light—not just once, but every day. How good it is to find ourselves back to the promise in I John 1:9: "If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with the Father and the Son in the light, we have fellowship with one another."

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New Home Mission

Congregation Organized

On March 3, St. Andrew Lutheran Church of East Whittier, California will be organized. December 23 is charter day and 43 families representing 150 souls came charter members. According to the pastor's recent letter this number will have grown to approximately 250 souls by organization day.

In order that all the congregations in Synod may in sense participate in the establishment of this new congregation, an announcement has been sent to all our pastors. It is hoped that a prayer for St. Andrew Lutheran Church will be said at the Morning Worship service in all our churches on March 3.

There is much that goes into the building up of a new congregation such as hard work, much planning, the spending of a great deal of money, and the prayers of the many who are deeply concerned and involved. Let me tell you of the specific events in the planning and organization of St. Andrew Lutheran.

Through the unceasing efforts of a group of men serving on the East Whittier Home Mission Committee a beautiful site consisting of about 6 acres was found. On this was located an excellent house which could be used as a parsonage and for the beginning of meetings. Nazareth Congregation in Cedar Falls, Iowa graciously offered to pay the pastor's salary for a year. Pastor Werner Carlsen was called and moved to California in September, 1956. A parish worker was engaged to assist in the canvass and visitation of homes and the first service was held on November 11 in the Clock Country Club with 138 people present. Much planning and work preceded this and future services. A choir was organized and the common service liturgy was so well rehearsed that not a mistake was made at the December 13 service when it was first used. One could write many pages if the many things that needed to be done were to be enumerated one by one. Some of the greatest tasks would be the setting up of a local council, the organization of a Sunday School, procuring teachers from so new a group, and a great teaching program was needed in order to set forth the needs of the Kingdom in so new a work. And now on March 3 this

By K. M. Matthiesen—Director of Home Missions

new congregation will be formally organized. It is assumed that they will join our synod at the annual convention in June. Another congregation is added to the list.

Already the plans for the first unit have been approved. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on the first Sunday in February and the erection of the chapel and Sunday School building is on the way.

Beginning a new congregation is a blessed thing, but also a very costly one which accounts for the fact that Home Missions is in great need of funds in order to carry on any type of an expansion program. Land values are sky rocketing and the cost of construction of the first unit is now at a high peak. Through various sources the Board of Home Missions has placed the total sum of \$115,000.00 at the disposal of St. Andrew Congregation and this is the minimum for what needs to be done. The 6 acre site with the house included cost \$55,000.00. In addition to the \$115,000.00 for land and buildings many friends have given a helping hand by furnishing money for parish worker's salary, equipment and salary. I am pleased to report that from the very first beginning in St. Andrew Lutheran Church money was set aside by the directing committee of the church for benevolences of synod and by January 1 \$150.00 had already been sent in by them to the synodical treasury.

There may be some readers who will say: "Does it pay?" Based upon the experience of over a 10 year period of investing funds entrusted to the Board of Home Missions my answer is that where we have invested the greatest amounts of money the returns in the growth of congregations, the gathering together of children for Sunday School, the quickest return of capital funds to be used elsewhere, the development of stewardship, all these, as well as the spiritual quality are in proportion to the financial investment. Our Lord said: "For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38. May God's rich blessing be yours as you give generously that we may build more new congregations.

Suomi College Crowns Negro Student as Queen

Suomi College's first Negro student was elected campus queen by the student body at Hancock, Michigan in a popularity contest in which she won out by a wide margin over five other candidates for the honor.

She is Miss Claire Avery, 19, of Cleveland, O., who enrolled at the college last fall and is planning to become a Lutheran parish worker on completion of her two-year course of study. She is a member of the college choir, the staff of the college newspaper and the Student Council.

Miss Avery's election as queen was announced on Feb. 10 and she was crowned that evening between halves of a basketball game between Suomi College and Northern Mich-

igan College of Education. Suomi defeated its rival for the first time by a score of 75-63.

Miss Avery and her parents formerly lived in a government housing project at Berea, O., where she came into contact with the Lutheran Church through the National Lutheran Council's ministry to temporary communities. She became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Berea, a congregation established by the American Lutheran Church.

Suomi College, which observed its 60th anniversary last year, is conducted by the Lutheran Church—Suomi Synod. It has an enrollment of 123 students.

Oklahoma Regional Fellowship of Indian Workers

By Soren S. Kaldahl

Last summer, June 12-14, our Cherokee Indian Mission was host to the Oklahoma Regional Fellowship of Indian Workers. This brought about 40 Indian and White workers from Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma to our mission. This was the first time that our mission was host to this fellowship, which is sponsored through the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches.

In order to better study the various problems and phases connected with the social, economic and spiritual conditions of the Oklahoma Indians the members in attendance divided themselves into a number of buzz or study groups for one session. The results of these studies were presented at a later session. Your writer would like to share these results as they were finally adopted, as it is believed they will call attention to problems as they face the American Indian today and the Christian Church as it tries to serve the Indian. It is also interesting to note how this becomes a challenge to churches which are not directly connected with Indian mission work.

The following report was the result of these buzz sections of the Fellowship of Workers as they met at Oaks:

I. Health

1. The church should co-operate with the State Health Department to fullest extent possible making available to the Health Department all of the church facilities.

2. Churches should co-operate on an interdenominational basis with the Health Department making it possible for the department to reach a large number of Indians at each clinic.

II. Employment

1. Local churches should adopt Indian families and help them find a job and get started in small towns or cities.

III. Relocation

1. Churches should try to keep the Indians in Oklahoma by helping them relocate in Oklahoma cities.

2. Churches in Oklahoma City and Tulsa have the great

responsibility of helping the Indians who move to cities to become assimilated in the city life and especially in the city church.

3. If a city church cannot get the Indians into the church, then a Mission Sunday School, etc. should be started for them.

4. The Bureau of Indian Affairs should have religious offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

IV. Schools

1. Church leaders should help Indians secure educational loans from the Indian Bureau to attend church-related colleges.

2. The government should keep Indian boarding schools open for a time. Many needy Indian youth could attend school if it were not for these boarding schools.

3. There should be continued effort to send all Indian youth to state public schools when possible.

V. Adult Education

1. Because of the impending withdrawal of Government supervision it is imperative, if the Indian is to protect his property, that adult education be given, especially in instruction in regard to signing of deeds, etc.

2. Adults should be taught about sanitation, health practices, social institutions, etc.

3. The church must continue to lend its support to a general program of education.

VI. County Farm and Home Demonstration Agents

1. Churches should do everything possible to help County Farm and Home Demonstration agents in their work with the Indians.

VII. Oklahoma Work

1. We recommend that more study and publicity be given by the Churches and National Government to the Oklahoma Indians.

VIII. Native Leadership

1. There is a great need for more trained native leadership in our churches.

How Long Is Your Arm?

By H. H. Smith, Sr.

How long is your arm? This man's arm was 10,000 miles long,—but that would have availed nothing if his heart hadn't been proportionately large.

The story goes back to last summer, when a young soldier was sent from Virginia to Korea. This young man was so deeply moved by the sad plight of so many orphan children that he reached across the seas and sought help for them on the other side of the globe.

He corresponded with the editor of his home-town paper about ways and means of helping these unfortunate children. There were some fifty children in an orphanage which he and his company sponsored. The outcome of this correspondence was that a group of Girl Scouts here became interested in the project and secured clothing and toys for the children, which reached them just before Christmas.

As I write, there is before me a picture from the soldier's home-town paper showing a group of happy, smiling faces of Korean orphans. They had just been fitted out with warm clothing for the winter and given toys. The soldier had his arms around two of the children and it would be difficult to say who showed the greater joy, the young sergeant or the happy little girls with their warm winter clothing and their dolls.

Such incidents might be multiplied a thousand-fold, if

all Christians were as alert in helping others as was this young soldier.

The author of the book of Hebrews sensed the need for such alertness when he wrote: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Heb. 13:16, SRV). This reference to "sharing" coupled with the word "sacrifices," implies that the author had in mind "generosity of spirit" in all our sharing—to the point of making sacrifices. We are living in hard times—and that goes for the whole world. In these times we should be exceedingly careful how we handle our money—and all that we possess. The way we use our money may mean the difference between life and death for others. John Wesley spoke wisely concerning a Christian's relationship to his possessions. He taught that the love of making money is not to be despised, but regarded as God-given and used for His glory. He emphasized the good that money might do if properly used: "It may open eyes to the blind, feet to the lame—yea, a lifter-up of the gates of death."

This report of a soldier's reaching across the seas to secure help for orphan children reminds us of the old adage: "Where there's a will, there's a way." May we hear and heed the voice of God today: "Do not be afraid to do good and to share what you have."

CH'S A-AGE CHALLENGES OUTLINED FOR EDUCATORS

ys on world changes since 1945 and their chal-
to the Christian church are given to educators
e Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod this month
Albert G. Huegli, professor of history and polit-
ience at Concordia Teachers College, River For-

n article in **Lutheran Education**, Dr. Huegli points
nds in modern existence which constitute areas
essary operation for the church.

ed as necessities are the supplying of "a per-
e of the vocation of a Christian and of his motives
aking a living"; special ministry to the aging, who
time to study the Word and maturity to measure
dom"; leadership in recognizing the equality of all
because "The courts of the land have pointed the
which the church should have taken long ago";
al guidance and fundamental solutions for pro-
of the modern woman; and the increase of the
s total educational operations due to the increase
nber of school-age children and future citizens.

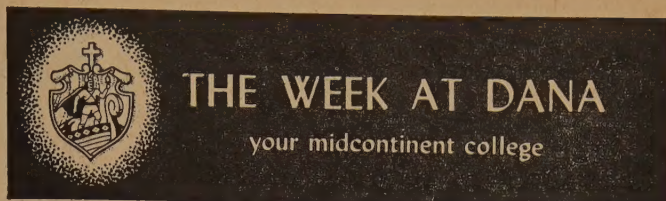
Huegli states "In a highly mechanized society,
efficient operations needed to maintain a margin
fit, human values may be sacrificed in the pursuit
nomic goals. The church can never be mechanized
omated. It will always be concerned with the
eness of each person. It will always have to pro-
e continuing reminder of the individual's respon-
y to God as well as the continuing reassurance of
love for the individual."

function of "lifting the vision of the people above
mporal and mundane to the eternal and spiritual"
ently needed today, Dr. Huegli believes. "A re-
sis on God's standard of values is important for
an people surrounded on every side by the ma-
stic standards of an advanced civilization. Com-
and conveniences do not in themselves answer
human problems."

says that "The ministrations of the church are
important in maintaining the foundations of the
of today than they have ever been in our history."

aking of the increasing life-span and the resulting
se in number of aged persons in Christian con-
ons, Dr. Huegli declares, "Those who have pass-
middle years of life tend to prefer a fixed pattern
ng to the exploration of new ideas. With full re-
to the advice of its elders, the church cannot be-
overcautious in its approach to its tasks. While it
is conservative in doctrine, it must not lose its
esomeness and readiness to try new ideas in ful-
the Great Commission of its Lord."

he shadow of "the giant sword of total destruction,"
Christian church is called upon "to work with ever
urgency," the Illinois professor says.

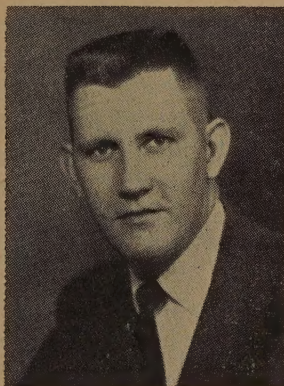


Seven Officers from Seven States in Dana LSA



The seven officers of the Dana College Lutheran Student Association are from seven states in two countries. Even at Dana, with a student body from all parts of the country, this is possibly a record-breaking roster. The officers, who were installed recently during a candlelight service in Pioneer Memorial Chapel, are shown above, left to right, Harry Landbo, Chicago, Ill., president; James Rasmussen, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, vice-president; Doris Madsen, Buffalo, Wyo., secretary; Frank Hansen, Washington Island, Wis., treasurer; Noel Petersen, Minden, Nebraska, LS Action chairman; Patricia Andersen, Ferndale, Calif., deputations chairman; and Alice Nelson, Beresford, S. Dak., social chairman. The Dana Chapter is affiliated with the nationwide Lutheran Student Association.

Former Faculty Member to Public Relations Post



William Christensen

Mr. William Christensen, who taught history at the college during the second semester of last year, is back on the campus as Director of Public Relations.

He is a graduate of Midland College and holds the Master of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska, where he held a teaching assistantship and was an instructor in the extension division.

In 1950 he was elected national president of the American Association of International Relations Clubs, an organization of eight hundred chapters at colleges and universities in this country and Canada. A fellowship with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace enabled him to travel and study in Europe in 1950. During two tours of duty with the Navy he travelled widely in the Caribbean area.

First Semester Honor Roll Is Published

Twenty-eight students are listed on the first semester honor roll. The top four on the list of scholars are Delores Petersen, Topeka, Kansas; Dorothy Willmert, Kansas City, Mo.; Charlotte Sorensen, Blair, Nebr.; and Darol Valder, Blair, Nebraska. Valder is president of the student body.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, I

LINES

From

OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

FIRST UELC CARAVAN TEAM

Four Dana Students have volunteered to serve our Church as a caravan team during the summer of 1957. They are Carol Madsen of Kenmare, N. Dak., Alice Nelson of Beresford, S. Dak., James Sorensen of Irene, S. Dak., and Noel Petersen of Minden, Nebraska.

WHAT IS A CARAVAN TEAM?

A caravan team is a group of people trained to do some type of work in the church. They move from one congregation to another, this explains the name, caravan. Such teams are used for various purposes in the church. Our team is being trained to do three types of work in the churches they will serve. 1. They will be trained in visitation evangelism and survey. They will go from house to house and from farm to farm, calling on people and inviting them to come to church and Luther League. They will leave a positive witness for Christ wherever they go. They will stay in each congregation two or three weeks, depending on the amount of visiting needed in that field. 2. They will receive special instruction in organizing and improving the youth program of a congregation. They will enlist the help of young people in the church in their visitation program and will seek to leave a group of young people who will be able to carry on the work after they have moved on. Their work with youth will include information about Dana College, about which they can speak from personal experience. 3. Their third field of activity will be in camp counseling. Two Bible Camp deans have asked for the services of the team at camps this summer.

HOW ARE THEY TRAINED?

The team is meeting once a week with the Youth Director during the second semester to study and prepare for the work of the summer. Later in the spring they will do visitation work and League work on week-ends. Their first two weeks after school closes in the spring will be spent in a congregation where they will practice under the direction of the pastor and the Youth Director.

Wherever they serve, they will work under the direction and in full cooperation with the pastor of the church.

WHERE WILL THEY WORK?

Pastors and congregations may apply to the Office for further information about the team. The work they are prepared to do. Some churches have already made requests for their services, but no schedule has been made at this time. The team is available for ten weeks through the summer months.



HOW ARE THEY PAID? AND HOW MUCH?

We are following the pattern used in other Synods for this type of work. It is a volunteer service. This means that the members of the team agree to work for the small sum of \$25.00 per month each. Their room and board and transportation will be furnished free of charge. Their greatest reward from such a summer's work will be the knowledge that they have been used by God to bring souls into the Church with Jesus Christ. A girl who served on a League caravan team recently told of the joy she felt when she learned that a young person who had visited last summer had received Christian baptism and had been baptized and is now a member of the Church. Let us pray that there will be many more of that kind from the work of these consecrated people.

Youth Leaders Attend Meeting

Youth leaders from the American Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the United Methodist Church (that's us) met

eran Brotherhood Building in Minneapolis, Minn., on February 13 and 14 to discuss the role of Luther League in The American Lutheran Church (new merged church). Merton Strommen, Youth Editor of the Lutheran Free Church, was also pre-

ussions ranged from the needs and nature of to the structure of the Luther League organization its finances. Committees were appointed to work the details of the Luther League program and to up the Luther League Constitution.

representing your church and Luther League were h Director George Robertson, Synodical L. L. Pres- LeRoy Andersen, Synodical L. L. Treasurer Stan en, Merger Committee Liaison Man Pastor Cor- s Hansen, and Youth Editor John Nielsen.

That Rash On Your Face

By Howard Clark

your spirit erupts, you are said to be rash. And ur face erupts, as it is apt to when you're in your s and twenties, that is a rash. Maybe you call it or eczema, but behind your back, those bumps elled just plain pimples. If you have a super bump- rop, then you need the advice of your doctor, a natologist, that is! If you have an average crop, just gh to embarrass you but not enough to be worth the of an office call, then take yourself in hand and the mess under control.

me comes from the sebaceous (a fancy word for glands, located in the corium of the skin (that's layer beneath the epidermis). They secrete lubri- g sebum which nourishes the hair, keeps the skin thy and, given enough time, smooth. During your s, however, the glands often aren't regulated prop- . Too much oil clogs the skin. If you don't follow rules, the result is acne.

is is how you get it. You probably either have r or know enough about one to know that dirt clog the gas line. Well, dirt can clog your pores! n the oil can't reach the surface, blackheads result. rule number one in the battle of the blackheads is SH YOUR FACE. Once over lightly? No, it isn't e that simple. You should wash with a thick cloth, g special skin soap, and dry thoroughly. And wash e neck, hands, chest and back, any place where there nt be an eruption.

you shave, watch your shaving soap; it may be strong and irritate your skin. Be sure your razor ean and that it is your own!

FORWARD TO FRESNO FOR FREEDOM, FELLOWSHIP, AND FRUIT IN CHRIST

Too, a diet of fried or rich foods stimulates the seba- ceous glands at a time when they don't need stimulating. Harry had pimples, plenty of them. His mother had died, and he and his dad did the cooking, in a frying pan. Harry's complexion troubles lasted until he mar- ried. Then Helen started feeding him salads and vege- tables. Quicker than it takes to say squash, carrots and spinach, his complexion cleared up.

Emotional jags affect the glands also. You're one person—body, mind and spirit—and each affects the other. If you spend the day sulking in your room be- cause you can't have the car or a raise in your allow- ance—bong, the glands start working and you have a new crop of pimples. It just works that way. So watch you disposition. It shows in your face!

Along this line of cleanliness is a matter of perspira- tion. It's an important function, regulating the body temperature, and yours may, or may not, have an offen- sive odor. Just to be on the safe side, presume that your're the kind that can be recognized by odor. Only if you realize you may be in the skunk class, will you do something about it. The bath or shower is the best and first answer. Then deodorants or anti-perspirants, take your choice. The market is cluttered with them. Clean sox and clean underwear are another must. This business of changing your clothes each Saturday night went out with the Saturday night bath. Changing must be regulated by the weather and a fellow's activities.

During World War II men were scarce in civilian life. The banks couldn't get the type of men that they wanted. They had to take what they could get and train them. So a chain of banks in California set up a private charm school for prospective tellers and managers, teaching them the value of controlled perspiration, clean breath, and all-around cleanliness.

A fellow can be clean no matter what his work in life, be it ditch-digging or prize-fighting. He may get dirty in his work, but he doesn't need to stay dirty. The fact he works provides him with money to buy the soap and other requirements for cleanliness.

(From the forthcoming book, **For Fellows Only**, to be printed by Zondervan.)

BY THE FIRESIDE

BURDENS

A mountain traveler, the story runs,
Grown dull and spent with fighting
wind and snow,
Would have sunk down and yielded.
But his foot
Struck a prone something, and his
chill heart leaped
To find half-buried there, and breath-
ing still,
Another who had laid him down to
die.
Strong with the other's need, he drew
the load
Across his back and struggled, bat-
tle-warmed,
To friends and safety.
Thus the weaker's need
Worked through the stronger, for the
weal of both.
The struggle seems a hopeless one at
times,
O God our Father, and the blood grows
cold;
Grant that some weaker brother in
the way
Makes us forget our need at sight
of his,
And quicken our dull pulses with his
weight;
For only thus, our Father, comes the
strength
To climb the narrow path that leads
to Thee.

—Sunday School Times

"ONE THING IS NEEDFUL"

By Annie Virginia Young

My need is God—
At every time and everywhere—
In trouble and when all is fair,
I need His presence there—
Communion with my God.

My need is God—
Not things, not change of circumstance,
For He is seeking my advance
In all His providence—
I need His staff and rod.

My need is God—
Not words, for all my words are weak,
And worse than useless till I seek
God, and can hear Him speak—
He animates the clod.

My need is God—
When Satan comes with dark despair,
With heavy, stifling, poisoned air,
E'en then I find through prayer
The glory of my God.

—Selected

MOTIVES FOR SERVICE

A teacher of the law enforces his restraints through threats and punishments. A preacher of grace persuades and incites by calling attention to the goodness and mercy of God. The latter does not desire works prompted by an unwilling spirit, or service that is not the expression of a cheerful heart. He desires that a joyous, willing spirit, shall incite to the service of God. He who cannot, by the gracious and lovely message of God's mercy so lavishly bestowed upon us in Christ, be persuaded in a spirit of love and delight to contribute to the honor of God and the benefit of his neighbor is worthless to Christianity, and all effort is lost on him. How can one whom the fire of heavenly love and grace cannot melt be rendered cheerfully obedient by laws and threats? Not human mercy is offered us, but divine mercy, and Paul would have us perceive it and be moved thereby.

—Martin Luther

REMEMBRANCE

Sometimes when walking through
the wood
After a gentle rain,
Perfume of scented, unseen things
Flows like a sweet refrain.

So in my life as I walk through—
Present, or absent though she be—
The fragrance of my mother's love
Ever encircles me.

—Author Not Known

PROBLEMS OF CONSCIENCE

By the late A. J. Beattie

All men have a conscience. Truly saved and sanctified men may expect to have a sensitive conscience. The conscience is capable of being educated. Many degrees of development are observed. The constant search for truth will lead to a surer distinction between right and wrong, and between the spiritual and the carnal. Among many choice Christians it is not unusual to find those who are over-sensitive. They magnify trifles and find it hard to maintain their confidence in God. Their distress is great.

In matters of conscience, beware of bad motives. Where sin is, bad motives rule.

—Free Methodist.

GOD'S TOOLS

The steel that has suffered most is the best steel. It has been in the furnace again and again; it has been

on the anvil; it has been tight jaws of the vice; it has felt the rasp; it has been ground emery; it has been heated and annealed and filed until it does not hurt itself, and it comes out a sharp knife.

And if men only knew that they are called their "misfortunes" by God's best blessings, for that the moulding influences which shape them shapeliness and edge, and ability, and power.

—Henry Ward Beecher

JUST FOR TODAY

I will not look along the years
And try to face my future
I only need to see my path
For this one day.

O Thou who art my life, my joy,
Who art each weak heart's stay,
and stay,
Help me to live within the bounds
That bounds today!

Then loving with Thy patience
That waits to lift and heal
My heart can hold no thought
wish
Beyond today.

—Mary F. Johnson
in Christian Observer

Reporter: What shall I say
the two peroxide blondes who
such a fuss at the game?

Editor: Why, just say the
ers went wild!

A woman approached evangelist Billy Sunday after one of his sermons and asked pensively, "Tender if you can help me? I have a terrible habit of exaggeration." "Certainly, madam," replied Sunday. "Just call it lying!"

Bad is he who breaks your number to mutter rudely, "Heck! number!" Worse is he who risks wrath by phoning when you are in your bath. But worst of all is the pest who hisses in disguised tones. "Bet-you-can-guess-who-this-is!"

A woman in a small Ohio town was gossiping with her friends on a party-line telephone. The usual remarks were heard as other listeners picked up their phones.

Suddenly, in the midst of the conversation, there came the unbearable sound of a receiver being hung down on its hook.

"Well, I like that!" said the caller with pretended indignation. "somebody hung up on us!"

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

(Continued from page 4)
There had decreased 25 per
cent in the last ten years, resulting
in the closing of some churches.
Among reasons cited for the
decline is the overtaking of the denomina-
tional churches in large urban areas,
particularly in the East and in Chi-
cago.

Lutheran churches have not suf-
ficiently adapted themselves and
adjusted to the changing urban
conditions. They have not partici-
pated sufficiently in interdenomina-
tional programs to meet the situa-

Lutheran churches have had many
pastors and pastors speaking a
foreign language—usually German
or of the Scandinavian tongues.
The language barrier, sometimes
too long retained, has been drifted away.

A TIME FOR SELF- REFLECTION

(Continued from page 6)
... and the blood of Jesus
cleanses us from all sin . . .
... confess our sins, he is faithful
... and will forgive our sins
... cleanse us from all unrighteous-

... brings an urgent reminder:
... to yourself. The Lord is
... doing great things of us. We
... have come to know the meaning
... of the cross, receiving the treas-
... His redemption through His
... will want every day to count
... We will want to make use
... opportunity to reach out for

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	Total Received	Child- ren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission
Previously acknowledged (February 16, 1957)	195564.71	15983.83	64471.17	28235.85	45619.51	6847.01
Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Ladies Aid in memory of Mr. Walter B. Kingsley	5.00					
Ferndale, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	236.08	14.00	99.00	26.08	49.00	4.00
Reedley, Calif., Ebenezer Luth. Church in memory of Mr. Albin Nelson \$10 and \$10 in memory of Mrs. H. C. Peterson, Sr.	20.00					
New Brunswick, Canada, Bethany Congregation from the Danish Ladies Aid.	50.00				50.00	
Flaxton, N. D., United Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Christensen	100.00		50.00			
Owatonna, Minn., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	200.00		100.00	50.00		
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church Special Gifts \$1500.00						
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church	264.41	15.00	110.00	29.41	55.00	5.00
Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church from friends and relatives in mem- ory of wife and mother of Adolph Erickson and family	85.00	25.00			25.00	15.00
Cushing, Wis., First Ev. Luth. Church from the Loyal Workers in memory of Mrs. Ansgar Jensen, Spencer, Ia., mother of Mrs. Rev. Gerhard J. Nygaard	2.00			2.00		
Ellendale, Minn., St. Ansgar's Luth. Church in memory of Gerald Haberman	30.00	23.00			7.00	
Oconto, Wis., Immanuel Luth. Church	50.00	3.00	21.00	5.00	10.00	2.00
Oyens, Ia., Gethsemane Luth. Church	40.00	2.00	16.00	6.00	8.00	1.00
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church	150.00	9.00	63.00	16.00	31.00	3.00
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	750.00	45.00	315.00	76.00	157.00	15.00
Luck, Wis., First English Ev. Luth. Church	3.88			3.88		
From the Willing Workers in memory of Mrs. E. Patton	2.00				2.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen \$10 and Marius Vig \$2, Unassigned \$3.88.	12.00			12.00		
From the Sunday School	28.73	28.73				
Oakland, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	220.00	13.00	92.00	24.00	46.00	4.00
Beresford, S. D., Nazareth Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. C. A. Swanson from Messrs. and Mmes. James Jensen \$3, Earl Glarborg \$1, Soren Last- sen \$1, Adolph Rasmussen \$1, Adolph Hansen \$1, Evan Rasmussen \$1, Nels Thompson \$1, Art Steadman \$1, Bernt Ellefson \$1, and Nazareth Luth. Town Circle \$2	13.00				13.00	
Selma, Calif., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	200.00	12.00	84.00	20.00	42.00	4.00
Denver, Colo., Christ the King Ev. Luth. Church	85.00	5.00	35.00	10.00	17.00	2.00
Standard, Alta., Can. Nazareth Church from the Sunday School Christmas Of- fering	20.00	20.00				
Hussar, Canada, Our Saviour's Com. Luth. Church	121.46	7.00	50.00	15.46	25.00	2.00
Ferndale, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	38.92					
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	50.00	50.00				
Cushing, Wis., First Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Ansgar Jensen	22.30		22.30			
Winnetoon, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Ansgar Jensen	12.00	12.00				
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Ansgar Jensen	5.00				5.00	
Evan, Minn., St. Matthew's Church from Mrs. C. M. Bendixen	30.00					
Beresford, S. D., Nazareth Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. C. A. Swanson,						
Beresford, S. D., \$2 from Mrs. Anna Jensen and \$1 from Mrs. Eric Jensen	3.00				3.00	
Redwood Falls, Minn., Rec'd of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gegner	5.00				5.00	
Geneva, Minn., Community Luth. Church	240.00	14.00	100.00	27.00	50.00	4.00
Total received to date	198659.49	16281.56	65628.47	28558.68	46119.51	6908.01
1956-57 Budget	339317.00	19404.00	143033.00	23103.00	70662.00	7800.00
Percentages (approximate)	100 Pct.	.06	.42	.10	.21	.02

SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total (Where Received)	Foreign Missions Needed	1956 Luth. World Action	South Amer. Mission	Japan Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission
Previously acknowledged (February 16, 1957)	12094.34	1539.11	1388.27	2496.12	2419.21	1462.05	2391.05	268.11
Ferndale, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church from a friend of the congregation	25.00				25.00			
Whittier, Calif., St. Andrew Luth. Church from Mrs. Dagmar Larsen and family of Whittier, and Dr. R. P. Larsen, Ur- bana, Ill., in memory of Mrs. A. H. Jensen, Spencer, Ia.	10.00							
Green Bay, Wis., Bethel Luth. S. S. (India)	15.00						10.00	
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church Special Gift	400.00	400.00				15.00		
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church, From the S. S.	152.54				152.54			
Portland, Ore., Rec'd of Miss Virginia M. Jacobsen in memory of Rev. A. P. Andersen	20.00							20.00
Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church from friends and relatives in memory of wife and mother of Adolph Erickson and family	15.00		15.00					
Laurel, Nebr., Gethsemane Luth. Church from Westergaard Knudsen	20.00							
Oyens, Ia., Gethsemane Luth. Church	24.75		24.75		20.00			
Fremont, Nebr., Bluffs Trinity Luth. S. S. from the Children's Birthday Bank	5.89							
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Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. Church from the Ladies Aid for the support of two men studying to become native pastors in Africa	200.00							
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On Sept. 17 received from Dickson, Canada, from the W.M.S. to Robert Faruku, a Student Minister	50.00							
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Blair, Nebraska, February 23, 1957.

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ing plans include a par- We understand the total even \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Vis. Gethsemane Lutheran Carl J. Wilhelmsen, pastor, total income of \$40,000 for year. Over \$11,000 went in- ing fund. Pastor Wilhelm- ted by an intern, Mr. Le- en. The congregation has ed members.

California., Allan D. Han- Douglas J. Toepel, Pastors. board has again had its workshop. The Boards pack es and go to a camp where s spent in examination of ual life and in examina- e church and its possibili- thought is to bring in crea- for the church. Many prac- come in through this meth-

it was decided to add to

the church life a week end spiritual retreat in the mountains for men. This retreat has been scheduled for the month of May and will be sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood.

St. Paul's is also making its con- tributions towards ministers' wives. Last summer its organist married a Trinity Seminary student and on Feb- ruary 4 St. Paul's parish worker, Eleanor Andersen, was married to Rev. Edwin Hansen of Swan River, Canada.

NOTICE!

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Publishing House will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 7, 1957.

John S. Gebuhr, Secretary.

Pastors, please! Send your paro- chial reports to me immediately. Less than ½ has been received so far (2/ 23), less than a week before the of- ficial deadline (Mar. 1.) To get a re- port ready for the president of synod by April 1, I must have all reports from congregations in about 3-4 weeks before for tabulation and cor- rect totals. As I am serving a full time parish this year, the tabulation has to be done by office help. So as- sist us with early return of your re- ports and be sure all essential infor- mation is given. Leaving out any figure, which enters the statistical setup in Yearbook, will necessitate a guess on our part or the use of last year's figure, which we very much wish to avoid, as the totals will be affected. Send reports directly to **Rev. P. C. Jensen, Sidney, Montana.**

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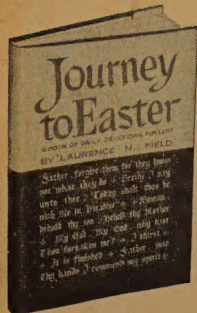
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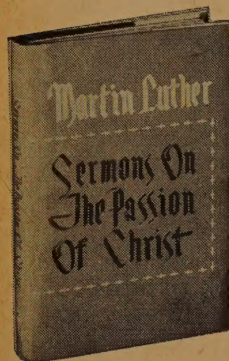


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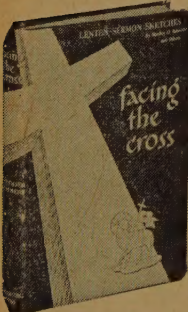
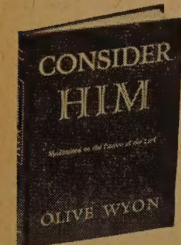
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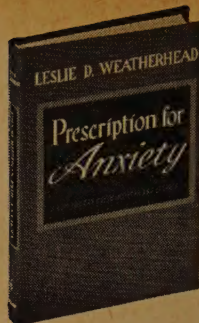
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